

2006 Alabama Early Intervention and Preschool Conference

# “SIMPLE GIFTS”

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Mobile, Alabama



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## HOTEL INFORMATION

### Renaissance Riverview Plaza

#### Hotel Mobile

64 South Water Street  
Mobile, Alabama 36602

Reservations: (866) 749-6069

Local Telephone: (251) 438-4000

Email Reservations:

<http://www.riverviewmobile.com>  
(Group code 26315)

Single/Double.....\$93

Triple/Quad.....\$98

### DEADLINE FOR HOTEL DISCOUNT RATE:

**OCTOBER 7, 2006**

- ◆ You must identify yourself with the Alabama Early Intervention and Preschool Conference for discount rate.
- ◆ Registration with the hotel should be made separately from conference registration. Individuals requesting handicapped accessible rooms must do so at the time of registration.
- ◆ Parking is available in the deck next to the hotel. Valet parking is available for \$12.00 per day; garage parking is \$9.00 per day. Maps are available from the hotel.
- ◆ Check in time is 3:00 pm; check out time is 12:00 noon.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

#### STIPENDS FOR EI PARENTS:

Limited funds are available through District Coordinating Councils by contacting District Early Intervention Coordinators and through the conference by contacting Jeri Jackson @ 205-823-9226 or e-mail JBH50@aol.com.

#### CHILD CARE STIPENDS:

Stipends of \$25 per day will be available to help cover the cost of childcare for the first 50 families who apply.

Childcare will not be available on site at the conference. Contact Jeri Jackson at 205-823-9226 or email JBH50@aol.com to apply for stipends.

Deadline: October 31, 2006.

#### INTERPRETER AND/OR MATERIALS IN ALTERNATE FORMAT:

Requests should be made no later than 10/15/2006 by contacting Jeri Jackson @ 205-823-9226 or e-mail JBH50@aol.com.

#### CEUs AND CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE:

CEUs will be available through Auburn University at Montgomery for a \$10 processing fee (check or money order only made out to AUM School of Continuing Education). Certificates of attendance with documented contact hours will be provided for all conference participants at the end of each conference day.

#### THE SPEECH AND HEARING ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA

is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. This program is offered for 1.3 CEUs (Various levels; Professional area). ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedures.



#### VENDOR/AGENCY DISPLAYS:

Exhibit space is available at a rate of \$150 for nonprofit agencies and \$350 for commercial vendors. Space is limited and will be approved on a first request basis. Proceeds will sponsor parent attendance. Contact Allison Isbell or Linda Williamson at UCP of Northwest Alabama, 256-381-4310 or email [ucpofnwa@hiwaay.net](mailto:ucpofnwa@hiwaay.net).

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



**Jean Feldman** has been actively involved in education for over 35 years as a classroom teacher, instructor of adults, author, and consultant. Dr. Feldman has a B.A. from the University of Georgia, a D.A.S.T. from Emory University, and a M.A. and Ph.D. from Georgia State University. She is a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, National Kindergarten Alliance, and the International Reading Association. Dr. Feldman is author of *A Survival Guide for Preschool Teachers*,

*The Complete book of Indoor and Outdoor Games and Activities*, *Transition Time*, *Science Surprises*, *Self Esteem Activities*, *Wonderful Rooms Where Children Can Bloom*, *Ready, Set Read!*, *Teaching Tunes*, *Transition Tips and Tricks*, and *The Best of Dr. Jean*. Dr. Jean's recordings include: "Dr. Jean Sings Silly Songs", "Dr. Jean and Friends", "Sing to Learn", "Is Everybody Happy?", "Nursery Rhymes and good Ol' Times", "Kiss Your Brain!", "All Day Long", and "Just for FUN!".



**Peggy Campbell-Rush** has taught in the classroom for 20 years in both the United States and England. She has a Masters Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Colorado and advanced degree credits from UCLA, Rutgers University, and Kean University. Peggy has been honored as the 1995 Hunterdon County Teacher of the Year in New Jersey and has won an unprecedented five NJEA Fredrick Hipp grants. Most recently, Peggy has been awarded a 2004 Fulbright-Hayes Scholarship to

promote international goodwill. She is the author of *I Teach Kindergarten!*, *Tricks of the Trade*, *Success for Struggling Learners*, and her newest book, *Hip-Hop AlphaBop™ Activity Book*.

## NATIONAL SPEAKERS:

**Ernestine Kessel, Ed.D.,** is a private practitioner, national and international consultant, and a faculty member in early childhood special education at the University of Central Florida. She has served as a trainer on the coaching approach in several States, holds key positions on councils and committees related to services for children with disabilities from birth to age five and their families, is a child advocate and systems change agent. She is a native of West Virginia, has worked with the United States Department of Defense early intervention program in the southeastern United States, Europe and Asia, and is married to a practicing attorney in Cocoa Beach, Florida where they currently reside.

**Jane Kitson** is a national early childhood educational consultant and published author of over 350 original songs and fingerplays that strengthen early literacy skills. She has shared innovative presentations with over 75,000 educational professionals in 44 states and Canada and has over 23 years experience working with children ages 2-7. She visits with over 5000 children each year, as Mother Goose, in metro Atlanta sharing language enriched presentations that are interactive and fun!

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*NOTE: Sessions may be added or deleted prior to November's Conference*

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8TH

### 7:30 REGISTRATION

### 8:30 KEYNOTE

#### Simple Gifts

Jean Feldman, Ph.D., Author, Speaker, Teacher,  
Dr. Jean & Friends, LLC, South Carolina

### 10:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### How to Help Professionals Transition to Part B: Special Education 101

Crystal Richardson, Alabama Department  
of Education

#### Scribbling as a Precursor to Reading and Writing

Jill W. Dabbs, Child Day Care Association, Inc.

#### Understanding, Preventing and Treating Problem Behavior in Young Children

M. Alice Shillingsburg, M.S., The Marcus  
Institute, Atlanta, GA

#### Facilitating Language in Early Childhood Settings

Jan Enstrom, Alabama Department of Education

#### An Insight into Sensory Integration

Dr. Karen Lea Martin, OTR/L, SIPT

#### Creating a Vision for Your Child's Future

Dr. Dave Martin, Auburn University;  
Graham Sisson, Alabama Department of  
Rehabilitation Services

### 1:15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### Delivery of High Quality Pre-Kindergarten Service in Alabama

Dr. Trellis Smith-Williams, Office of  
School Readiness

#### A Conversation with Special Education Coordinators about Transition

Panel of Special Education Coordinators



#### Addressing Aggressive and/or Severe Behavior Issues in Young Children with Special Needs

Michael E. Kelley, Ph.D., Board Certified  
Behavior Analyst, The Marcus Institute,  
Atlanta, GA

#### When Young Children have Difficulty Eating

Children's Rehabilitation Services  
Feeding Clinic

#### Effective Service Coordination for Children with Hearing Impairments

Jackie Maddox, LGSW and Therapy Staff from  
the Children's Health System HEAR Center

#### Kids of Deaf Adults (KODA) as Language Models for Deaf Children of Hearing Parents

Michelle Jones, Regional Director, Alabama  
Institute for the Deaf and Blind, Mobile  
Regional Center

### 2:45 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### The Key to Transition from Early Intervention to Preschool Services in Alabama (3 hour session)

Nancy Parker, Alabama's Early Intervention  
System; Cathy Jones, Alabama Department of  
Education

#### Making the Connection between Home and School: Proactive Discipline Procedures

Donna Kirkendoll, Alabama Department  
of Education; Teri Pinto, Alabama State  
Improvement Grant

#### Working with the Hispanic Population: Cultural Considerations and Working with Interpreters

Robin Morlier, SLP, Children's Health System

#### Serving Children with Vision Impairment (Part One)

TBD -- sponsored by UAB School of  
Optometry/Deaf-Blind Project

#### Using Signs to Develop Language in Young Children with Non-Hearing Related Language Delays

Michelle Jones, Regional Director, Alabama  
Institute for the Deaf and Blind, Mobile  
Regional Center; Kerry Drew, M.A., United  
Cerebral Palsy of Mobile

### 4:15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### Applications of Effective Practices for Young Children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder

Julie Yockel, M.S., CCC-SLP; J.J. Rodenberry;  
Janet Taylor, OTR/L; and Teri Pinto, AEIS  
Consultant, UCP of Huntsville and the  
Tennessee Valley



## **Speech/Language Assessment and Intervention with Spanish Speaking Children**

Robin Morlier, SLP, Children's Health System

## **Evaluation and Treatment of Young Children with Balance Problems**

Jennifer Braswell, PT, Ph.D., University of Alabama at Birmingham

## **Serving Children with Vision Impairment (Part Two)**

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## **The New Early Intervention Medicaid Option: What Does it Mean?**

Kim Hill, Assistant Part C Coordinator, Alabama's Early Intervention System; Debbie Flournoy, Program Manager-Medical Support Unit, Alabama Medicaid Agency

## **The Key to Transition from Early Intervention to Preschool Services in Alabama (Continuation of 3 hour session)**

Nancy Parker, Alabama's Early Intervention System; Cathy Jones, Alabama Department of Education

## **THURSDAY, NOV. 9TH**

### **8:30 KEYNOTE**

#### **Warm Hearts and Funny Bones**

Peggy Campbell-Rush, Author, Speaker, Specialist, Staff Development for Educators

### **10:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

#### **AAC and Emerging Language Intervention: Research and Recommended Practice (Part One)**

Melissa Cheslock, MS, CCC-SLP, Georgia State University

#### **Coaching: An Effective Approach to Teaming and Supporting Families (Part One)**

Ernestine E. Kessel, Ed.D., Director of Pedagogical Associates International and Faculty, University of Central Florida

#### **What we know about Children with Common Multiple or Physical Disabilities**

David Finn, Ed.D., Samford University; Parent Panel: Hope Bailey, Penny Strickland

#### **Simple Strategies for Service Coordinators**

Mary Beth Vick, Facilitator, Community Services Program; Hollie Nelson, CSP-Tuscaloosa; Mary Catherine Register, ARC of Walker County; Tracy Copus, UCP Mobile; Soniqua Hamilton, Shelby ARC; Michelle Narcisse, Montgomery Children's Center

#### **Struggling Learners**

Peggy Campbell-Rush, Author, Speaker, Specialist, Staff Development for Educators



#### **Linkages: How to Start and Maintain a Support Group**

Lydia Gaudet, Facilitator, Mobile; Kimberly Michael, Tuscaloosa; Sandy King, Birmingham; Amy Sue Reilly, Auburn

### **1:15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

#### **AAC and Emerging Language Intervention: Research and Recommended Practice (Part Two)**

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#### **Coaching: An Effective Approach to Teaming and Supporting Families (Part Two)**

Ernestine E. Kessel, Ed.D., Director of Pedagogical Associates International and Faculty, University of Central Florida

#### **Let's Leap into Literacy and Make Language Learning Fun! (3 hour session)**

Jane Kitson (a.k.a. Mother Goose), Author and National Early Childhood Educational Consultant

#### **Inherited Disorders of Metabolism and the Roles of Early Intervention and Preschool Teams**

Alicia Roberts, MS. RD, LD, Metabolic Dietitian, Sparks Clinics/UAB; Shannon and Lacey Posey, Parents

#### **Tricks of the Trade: Classroom and Behavior Management**

Peggy Campbell-Rush, Author, Speaker, Specialist, Staff Development for Educators

#### **Preschool Family Forum**

Cathy Jones, Alabama Department of Education, Special Education Services

### **2:45 CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

#### **From the Perspective of Siblings**

TBD

#### **Coaching: An Effective Approach to Teaming and Supporting Families (Part Three)**

Ernestine E. Kessel, Ed.D., Director of Pedagogical Associates International and Faculty, University of Central Florida



**Let's Leap into Literacy and Make Language Learning Fun! (Continuation of 3 hour session)**

Jane Kitson (a.k.a. Mother Goose), Author and National Early Childhood Educational Consultant

**Early Learning Progress Profile (ELPP) and Outcomes for Preschool Students with Special Needs**

Alabama State Department of Education, Special Education Services

**The Sounds and Sights of Emergent Literacy – From Ready to Learn, Alabama Public Television**

Eileen Griffin, Alabama Public Television

**Management Issues and Strategies for Program Administrators**

Anne Evans, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Alabama Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation and parent

**4:15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Alternative Therapies to Enjoy with your Child: Infant Massage, Hippotherapy, Aquatics, Yoga, and Pet Therapy**

Rhonda Boles-Wells, OT, UCP of Mobile; Linda Hambley, Pet Therapy; Janet Taylor, OT, UCP of Huntsville; Kristye Chastang, PT; Ann Johnson, PT, Thomas Hospital

**The Ins and Outs of Potty Training**

Allison Goff, Educational Activities Supervisor, Early Childhood Beginning Program

**Evaluating and Reporting Child Outcomes in Alabama's Early Intervention System**

Alabama's Early Intervention System Staff

**Alabama's Preschool Standards and IEPs**

Alabama State Department of Education Staff

**Simple? GIFTS! Data Collection and the GIFTS System**

Beverly Floyd and Amy Blakeney, Alabama's Early Intervention System

**AEIS Family Forum**

Betsy Prince, AEIS Coordinator and Staff

**FRIDAY, NOV. 10TH**

**8:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Become a Reading Advocate for Your Child**

Julie Colley Lowrey, Education Specialist, Alabama Department of Education and Dr. Teresa Nichols, Consultant, 95 Percent Group

**Addressing Childhood Mental Health Issues**

TBD

**Serving Preschool Students with Special Needs in Alabama**

Preschool Task Force, Alabama Department of Education

**No Time to Lose: Making Early Developmental Screenings Routine**

Eileen Griffin, Alabama Public Television

**Special Instruction Cluster Training: Foundations (3 hour session)**

Dr. Abigail Baxter, University of South Alabama

**10:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Integrating Motor Activities into Everyday Life**

Early Intervention Therapy Task Force

**Addressing the Issue of Child Abuse**

TBD

**How to be an Effective Legislative Advocate**

TBD

**No Time to Lose: Making Early Developmental Screenings Routine (Repeat session)**

Eileen Griffin, Alabama Public Television

**Special Instruction Cluster Training: Foundations (Continuation of 3 hour session)**

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# CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

(Will be accepted through October 13, 2006)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., Early Childhood Special Educator, Physical Therapist, Social Worker)

Organization Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code & Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a family member of a child with a disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you participating because of Success By 6? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Indicate category under which you are registering:

☐ Professional: \$90

☐ Parent/Student: \$40

(NOTE: Parent = Parent of a child with a disability below the age of 12 whose registration is not covered by an agency/employer. Student = Individual who is a student in a related field whose registration is not covered by an agency/employer.)

MAIL YOUR PAYMENT TO:

**UCP of Alabama  
P.O. Box 694  
Anniston, AL 36202**

- ◆ Check, money order, or cash must accompany all registration forms.  
*For inquiries regarding registration, contact Shannon Priddy at 256-237-8203.*
- ◆ On Site Registration rates are as follows: \$125 Professional; \$65 Parent
- ◆ Group discounts are available at \$5.00 per person for groups of 10 or more registering from the same agency. To receive a group discount, groups must pre-register and pay in advance. Agencies wishing to send substitutes for individuals in the original group must bring an official letter with documented name changes to registration.
- ◆ Registration with the conference does not register you with the hotel.
- ◆ Pre-registration will not be accepted after Friday, October 13, 2006.
- ◆ REFUND POLICY: Full refunds will be made if requests are received before October 23, 2006. Refunds requested between October 23 and November 7 will be charged a \$15 administrative fee. No refunds will be made once the conference begins. Requests for refunds must be made in writing to UCP of Alabama, P.O. Box 694, Anniston, Alabama 36202



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